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Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has made a restriction requirement and has identified two groups as follows:

Group I - As illustrated in FIGS. 1-7.

Group II - As illustrated in FIGS. 8-11.

The Examiner has required the applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits and to list all claims readable thereon. This requirement for restriction and election as best understood is respectfully traversed.

The applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, with traverse, reserving further arguments on the restriction requirement for a later point in these proceedings. Applicant hereby states that at least claims 1-14, 16, and 19-21 are included within Group I, as illustrated in FIGS. 1-7. If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with Applicants' attorney would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below. "Recognizing that Internet communications are not secured, I hereby authorize the PTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file."

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